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## **Why Is Brexit a Big Deal? UK-born Professor to Explain**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** -- Why is Brexit a big deal? Dr. Glen Duerr, associate professor of international studies, will conduct a public lecture on the topic Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm in Cedarville University's Center for Biblical and Theological Studies. Duerr will specifically address Brexit and what's next for the United Kingdom. The event is free and open to the public.

Duerr is a citizen of three countries. Born in the UK, Duerr moved with his family to Canada as a teenager, and then to the United States to obtain his doctoral degree. His teaching and research interests include nationalism and secession, political violence, (including nuclear weapons and terrorism), and Christianity and politics.

At the event, Duerr will present a brief history of the EU, a political and economic alliance consisting of 28 European countries, and why many British people want to leave it. There will be a Q&A time at the end.

Brexit is a combination of the words "Britain" and "exit." In June 2016, British voters opted to leave the EU, which is scheduled to occur March 29. This date could be delayed, but the UK is expected to finalize a deal to leave the EU before this date. Duerr's talk on March 12 will occur at a time when the House of Commons will likely vote on a final deal and decide how the UK will exit, or whether a delay is necessary.

Duerr emphasized that Brexit is a complex issue with numerous international implications.

"People may think that Brexit is over there and we are removed from it, but this decision has global impacts on the economy," he said. "The UK has the fifth-largest economy in the world. The UK is America's eighth-largest trade partner, and a lot of American businesses have a headquarters in London."

Duerr is the editor of "Secessionism and Terrorism" (Routledge, 2018) and author of "Secessionism and the European Union" (Lexington Books, 2015). He has also published numerous refereed journal articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries and book reviews.

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